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INDIA: CIA Meddles As New Delhi Burns

India's ruling Congress party last week fumed about the activities of the American Central Intelligence Agency, which, New Delhi said, meddled in the recent elections and influenced Indian national policy through financial donations.

Foreign Minister M.C. Chagla told Parliament he will conduct a thorough inquiry into CIA activities. He stood firm against demands that the probe be made by an independent commission.

The debate started with a harangue by Ramnath Umanath, a Communist, who charged that an American embassy second secretary, Robert F. Rayle, is a member of the CIA. Rayle, who escorted Stalin's daughter, Svetlana out of India March 7, is an agent, according to reliable American sources.

Chagla assured Parliament that action will be taken against anyone who knowingly accepted CIA money.

Earlier in the week, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi easily survived a government crisis, despite her losses in the recent election. She received a confidence vote 257 to 162.

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